

Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC)

Minutes

November 17, 2010

1. Call to order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Burow at 8:31 a.m. Committee members Walt Christensen, Greg Torres, Carlton Zentner and Karen Christian were also present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Nancy Lannert, LWCD; and Beth Klotz, LWCD were also in attendance.

2. Roll Call (establish a quorum):

A quorum was established.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review of the Agenda:

The agenda was reviewed by the committee members.

5. Review and Approval of the October Meeting Minutes:

Torres made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as written, Christensen seconded. Motion carried, 5/0.

6. Citizens Comments:

There were no citizen comments at this time.

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Dennis Vollmer was unable to attend the meeting. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report was distributed. See attached.

8. Prioritization of Areas for Conservation Easements Follow Up:

Watkins informed the committee that he had spoken to John Molinaro from the Farmland Preservation Committee. Molinaro told Watkins that a ranking system has already been developed by their committee, so it was decided by the LWCC that there is no reason to create another ranking system. The LWCD will assist with mapping if requested.

9. Tile and Maintenance at the County Farm:

There was a tile blowout on the County Farm which has resulted in an area being flooded out. Watkins met on-site with the tile contractor who estimated that it would cost about \$300-\$400 to repair.

Zentner moved and Christensen seconded to authorize Watkins to hire the contractor to repair the tile blowout. Motion carried, 5/0.

10. Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) Resolution Review:

Four resolutions were distributed to the committee.

Requesting Elimination of the Potential for Asian Carp to Spread Throughout the Great Lakes and Surrounding Watersheds: The LWCC supports this resolution.

Supporting Deer Management and Retention of Nine Day Deer Hunting Season: The conference attendees will get more information and decide how to vote on this item.

Resolution Supporting Legislation to Require Comprehensive Well Water Testing Prior to Real Estate Transfers: The conference attendees will get more information and decide how to vote on this item.

Reducing/Limiting the Number of WLWCA Attendees to the NACD National Conference: The LWCC supports this resolution.

11. WLWCA Auction:

Information regarding the request for donations for the WLWCA silent auction was distributed to the committee.

12. WLWCA Candidates for Executive Board:

Biographies of candidates were distributed to the committee. The conference attendees will get more information and decide who to vote for on this item.

13. Notice of Non-Compliance/Voluntary Non-Participation:

There were seven notices of non-compliance presented:

Zentner moved and Torres seconded to remove Roy Zimmerman, Dale A and Jeanine A Griebenow, Larry Bush, Damon A and Kirsten S Brattset, Wayne K and Sandra C Topel, Roger J Wagner, and Milo Larson from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 5/0.

There were three notices of nonparticipation presented:

Christensen moved and Torres seconded to approve Lunde Farms Inc's c/o Mark Lunde, Gregory A and Sara A Heideman's, and Roger and Patsy Heideman's, applications to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 5/0.

14. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report:

The Department is on target with revenues and expenditures.

15. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence at this time.

16. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:

It was decided by the members that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Monthly financial report, late fee for Farmland Preservation Program, WLWCA conference report. This will be Karen Christian's final meeting.

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Zentner and seconded by Torres at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried, 5/0.